Remarks

Applicant acknowledges that claims 1, 5, and 11 are generic. Claims 1-7 and 11-13 have been amended. New claims 14-23 have been added and such new claims do not contain new matter. Claims 14-17 add dependent claims to claim 1 for features that were previously presented in the claims set and later amended out of the claim set. Claim 18-23 are new apparatus claims containing language similar to method claims 1-7 and 14-17. Applicant hereby elects to proceed with examination of claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13 and new claims 14-23. Claims 2, 4, 6, and 12 have been withdrawn as directed to non-elected species, but are dependent upon elected generic independent claims. As such, if the independent claims are allowed, then claims 2, 4, 6 and 12 should be considered and allowed to issue with this application because they are dependent on generic claims. Claims 1-7 and 11-23 remain pending in this application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner provide a copy of the Dan Dietz reference identified by the Examiner in paper 18 to the undersigned. Applicants files, as transferred to the present practitioner, did not contain the Dan Dietz reference.

Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-7 and 11-23 are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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